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Re: NEW **CIP** PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No.: 4621/CIP of PCT
Inventor: Holger SCHANZ et al.
Title: Method and Apparatus for Optically
Scanning a Scene

Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW **CONTINUATION-IN-PART** PATENT APPLICATION under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) and 120, and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and §1.78(a) of the following Prior Applications:
 - A) PCT International Application PCT/DE02/02675, filed on July 18, 2002; and
 - B) PCT International Application PCT/DE02/03028, filed on August 9, 2002.
- 2) **Filing this application on January 20, 2004 is timely for continuity with the Prior Applications, because January 19, 2004 was a National Holiday.**
- 3) The enclosures are:
 - a) 29 pages of written description;
9 pages with 24 claims (3 independent);
1 page with an Abstract;
 - b) 4 Figs. on 3 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1 to 4);
 - c) **UNEXECUTED** COPY of Declaration, Power of Attorney (4 pages) for information purposes; and
 - d) 1 return receipt postcard.
- 4) Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form) will be filed later to cover the filing fee, after receipt of a Notice to File Missing

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5) The Priorities of earlier applications:

German Patent Application 101 35 107.0, filed on July 19, 2001,
and

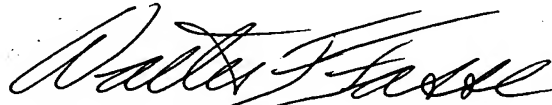
German Patent Application 101 41 363.7, filed on August 23, 2001

are hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The Certified Copies of the priority applications will be filed in due course.

6) This application is a Continuation-In-Part and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120. The entire disclosures of both of the above identified PCT International Applications are incorporated herein by reference. The present application text includes the required cross-reference to the Prior Applications in the first sentence following the Title.

7) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:
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